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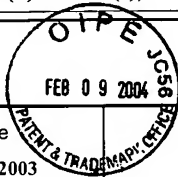
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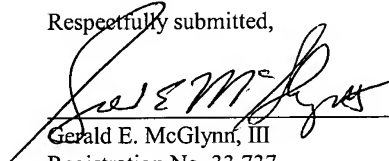
In addition to PTO Form 1449 that has been submitted herewith with respect to the above-identified application, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i), the applicant provides the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference identified below:

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
DE 199 15 012 A1	05/2000	Germany

The German DE '012 published application discloses a test specimen and is the basis for the claim of priority in U.S. Patent No. 6,505,495 B1 that is identified on PTO Form 1449 submitted herewith. Thus, the disclosure of the U.S. '495 patent is the same or substantially similar to the disclosure of the DE '012 publication. Both of these references are directed toward a test specimen having four sensed elements that are releasably connectable by connection elements in such a way that each sensed element touches precisely three connection elements at the end faces thereof and

that the sensed elements and the connection elements in their entirety form a tetrahedron on the corners of which the sensed elements are arranged. Under standard measurement conditions, the total coefficient of linear expansion of the test element from one sensed point to the next sensed point on different sensed elements is essentially zero.

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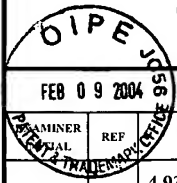


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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		4,932,136	06/1990	Schmitz et al.	33	502	
		5,269,067	12/1993	Waeldele et al.	33	502	
		6,505,495	01/2003	Blondeau	73	1.79	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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